

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAVE KASTEN**, on February 3, 2003 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Zook, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Jane Hamman, OBPP
CJ Johnson, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 9, MONTANA CULTURAL TRUST-
CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANTS
PROGRAM (C&A), VOLUME 7

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 9
MONTANA CULTURAL TRUST-CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC
GRANTS PROGRAM (C&A), VOLUME 7

**Montana Storytelling Roundup,
C&A Grant #1010 Page 11**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the Committee hearing on HB 9, Montana Storytelling Roundup, C&A Grant #1010 Page 11.

Proponents:

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, SD 43, said that the Montana Storytelling Roundup has been hosted by the Town of Cut Bank for the last eight years. Cut Bank received a grant from the last session, and they are before the Committee today to ask for more funds to continue this event. This event will be held on April 25 & 26, 2003. He urged the Committee to support them with the funds that have been requested.

Lee Jacobsen, Co-Sponsor of the Montana Storytelling Roundup-Cut Bank, said that thanks to the Montana Arts Council Committee For the Humanities, the Smithsonian Institute, and the Montana Magazine, they are able to present one of the most diversified programs in the entire nation. The grant from the last session allowed them to expand this program into 19 schools which include Native Americans, five Hutterite Colonies, and homeschoolers. She distributed written testimony, which she read. She urged the Committee to support this program.

EXHIBIT(jlh23a01)

Jewell Wolk, Montana Storytelling Roundup, told a story that is shared at the Roundup about a 90-year old man and his teeter-totter while living in the orphanage. She urged the Committee to support this program.

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Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1010.

**Montana Wool Growers' Association,
C&A Grant #1011**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Montana Wool Growers' Association, C&A Grant #1011.

Proponents:

Robert N. Gilbert, Secretary-Treasurer of the Montana Wool Growers' Association, gave an overview of the Association. He distributed written testimony, which he read. He urged the Committee to support this program.

EXHIBIT(jlh23a02)

Jody Foley, Orator from the Montana Historical Society, said there are many resources available at the Montana Historical Society on the many agricultural groups, except this one. She said there isn't much on the personal side nor the economic impact. Oral history is a way to receive the many stories that have not been heard, and this program will do that. She asked the Committee to support this funding request.

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1011.

**Shakespeare in the Parks,
C&A Grant #1079 Page 80**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Shakespeare in the Parks, C&A Grant #1079 Page 80.

Joel Jahnke, Project Director for Shakespeare in the Parks, said that they are requesting funds for operational support. He said that he has attended these types of plays in London, and Bozeman's is just as good if not better. Mr. Jahnke distributed written testimony, which he read. He urged the Committee to support this program.

EXHIBIT(jlh23a03)

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

CHAIRMAN KASTEN wanted to know where the \$47,000 in State support comes from. **Mr. Jahnke** replied that some of the funds come from Montana State University, and other grants through the Arts Council. He said that the \$36,000 listed on the application comes from the City/County.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1079.

**Art Mobile of Montana,
C&A Grant #1013 Page 14**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Art Mobile of Montana, C&A Grant #1013 Page 14.

Proponents:

Sara Colburn, Director of Art Mobile of Montana, informed the Committee that this organization is based in Dillon. She said that this grant is their share of funds that will be used for assisting local artists and the use of a van to travel throughout the state to present their art in the schools and communities. She presented a slide show of art exhibits that have been presented to the rural areas. Ms. Colburn distributed a handout, which provides information and background about the program, and urged the Committee to fund this project.

EXHIBIT (j1h23a04)

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Kathy Nelson, President of Art Mobile of Montana, presented pastel pictures for the Committee to view. She asked the Committee for their support to keep this program going.

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Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

CHAIRMAN KASTEN asked about the in-kind support that is listed on the application. **Ms. Nelson** informed him it is accumulated hours of time put in by the staff, and some of it is contributions from the schools in the form of motels, food, and etc.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1013.

**Asylum Pictures,
C&A Grant #1014 Page 15**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on Asylum Pictures, C&A Grant #1014 Page 15.

Proponents:

Josh Peck, Member of Butte's Historical Community, said he is here in support of the special project titled, "Blanketmen and Dreamers," a PBS documentary on the role of Irish and Finnish emigrants from 1912 to 1919. He said that the project is expected to be completed this summer of 2003. He urged the Committee to support this project.

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1014.

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**Bozeman Symphony,
C&A Grant #1015 Page 16**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Bozeman Symphony, C&A Grant #1015 Page 16.

Proponents:

Renee Westlake, Supervisor of Music for the Bozeman Public Schools, said she has been a member of the Bozeman Symphony since 1974. She said that this grant will fund the educational outreach program through the symphony. She urged the Committee to support this program.

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Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

CHAIRMAN KASTEN asked why there are two grants listed on the application. **Ms. Westlake** responded that the Committee that

reviewed the application supported the Outreach portion of the grant, and split the grant from the Bozeman Symphony request.

Jane Hamman informed the Committee that all of the endowment grants were eliminated during the last session, and that money was distributed to other publicists.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1015.

**Archie Bray Foundation,
C&A Grant #1086 Page 87**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Archie Bray Foundation, C&A Grant #1086 Page 87.

Proponents:

Josh DeWeese, Archie Bray Foundation, presented a slide visual of the foundation, what they do, and how they make the pottery. He distributed a pamphlet that describes the workshops, business, and the foundation membership. He urged the Committee to support this project.

EXHIBIT (j1h23a05)

Tony Broadbent, Owner of Insty Prints, stated her support to fund the foundation with this grant. She said that people from all over the world come to Helena to participate at the Archie Bray, which also enhances Helena economically.

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

The Committee and Mr. DeWeese discussed the \$1 million requested, and where the money is coming from. **Mr. DeWeese** said there are major donors and other foundations and grants that they receive.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1086.

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**Federation of Fly Fishers,
C&A Grant #1017 Page 18**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Federation of Fly Fishers, C&A Grant #1017 Page 18.

Proponents:

Bob Wiltshire, Director of the International Fly Fishing Center, said that this grant is a special projects grant to fund operating expenses at the International Fly Fishing Center. The Center is located in Livingston. It is a museum that interprets to the public the arts, history and culture of fly fishing. He said the museum has the largest collection of fishing creels west of the Mississippi. He informed the Committee why they requested this grant. He said the Center is not a legal entity of their own, but a program of the Federation of Fly Fishers, who is not able to support them any longer.

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

CHAIRMAN KASTEN asked Bob Wiltshire about last year's income that was \$833,000. **Mr. Wiltshire** replied that they are a national non-profit membership organization, and that amount is the budget for the entire organization. The State support comes from a contract with the Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), to provide education services Statewide on angling and water education resource services. He said they also receive some monies from the Montana Conservation Districts for a program called "Anglers against Weeds." He urged the Committee to support this program.

Jane Hamman asked if the Center has a local advisory Committee. **Mr. Wiltshire** said they have a Committee that helps them with local issues.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1017.

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**Going-to-the-Sun Institute,
C&A Grant #1019 Page 20**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Going-to-the-Sun Institute, C&A Grant #1019 Page 20.

Proponents:

Curly Bear Wagner, Going-to-the-Sun Institute located on the Blackfeet Reservation in Browning, said this grant will fund a project titled, "Women: The Backbone of Our People" CD-ROM, to be placed in the school systems to educate their children that women are not to be stereotyped. He said that through this education,

the children will learn that women play a very important role in their community, culture and traditions. He said that this project will focus on the role of women in Plains Indian culture by interviewing the elders and the women leaders from all of the Montana Tribes. He urged the Committee to grant them these funds.

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REP. CAROL JUNEAU, HD 85, Browning, stated her support for this project. She presented some background information on the history and culture of the Blackfeet Tribe. She urged the Committee to support this project.

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1019.

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**Grandstreet Theatre,
C&A Grant #1020 Page 21**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Grandstreet Theatre, C&A Grant #1020 Page 21.

Proponents:

Tom Cordingley, Grandstreet Theater, Project Director, urged the Committee to support this grant for a Project Development Director. He said that this grant will help them fund a project director who will search for new means and ways to find monies to keep them going and support their growth. He distributed a brochure advertising a theatrical play that is currently taking place.

EXHIBIT (j1h23a06)

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. WITT wanted to know why the City of Helena doesn't support this program. **Mr. Cordingley** said that the City does support them by leasing the building to them for \$1 per year. He said

they also have a grant request of \$35,000 for electrical and lighting system for the theater that they have submitted to the City. He said the City has been very helpful.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1020.

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**Hockaday Museum of Art,
C&A Grant #1021 Page 22**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Hockaday Museum of Art, C&A Grant #1021 Page 22.

Proponents:

Fred Leistiko, Kalispell City Councilman and member of the Board of Directors for the Hockaday Museum. He said that this is a grant request to hire full-time staff employees to in order to meet the demands of a growing and respected asset of Montana. He said that the Hockaday Museum is the only museum of its kind in northwestern Montana. This grant will fund two positions to direct the 40 plus volunteers for the Museum. He urged the Committee to support this grant. He distributed a handout from the Hockaday Museum of Art showing the educational programs that they put on.

EXHIBIT(j1h23a07)

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

CHAIRMAN KASTEN discussed the in-kind support that communities receive throughout the State. **Mr. Leisticko** said they receive some monies from the City, but nothing from the County.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1021.

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**Historic Huntley Project,
C&A Grant #1022 Page 23**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Historic Huntley Project, Grant #1022 Page 23.

Proponents:

Paul Daniels, Manager, Huntley Project Museum, gave informational testimony on the background of this museum. He distributed written testimony, which he read. He urged the Committee support them with this grant, because it will help them restore the Pompey's Bank building that is now part of the Museum.

EXHIBIT (j1h23a08)

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1022.

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**Mainstreet Uptown Butte, Inc.,
C&A Grant #1024 Page 25**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Mainstreet Uptown Butte, Inc., C&A Grant #1024 Page 25.

Proponents:

Ellen Crain, C&A, said this project is in conjunction with the publishing request from the Montana State Historical Society Press. There have been six mainstreet books published by the Press, and this funding will be used to publish a guide titled, "A Guide to Historic Butte: Proposal for Montana Mainstreets." She urged the Committee to support this project.

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1024.

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**Great Falls Symphony Association Inc.,
C&A Grant #1058 Page 59**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Great Falls Symphony Association Inc., C&A Grant #1058 Page 59.

Proponents:

Carolyn Valacich, Executive Director, said that this grant will assist them in funding operational support. It is specifically for underwriting, which provides concerts and educational programs for the citizens in rural communities and Great Falls. She gave background information on the Symphony. She distributed a handout on a map of Montana showing the locations they have performed. **Ms. Valacich** played a tape from various people who couldn't be here today, and urged the Committee to support them.

EXHIBIT(jlh23a09)

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1058.

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**Alberta Bair Theater (ABT),
C&A Grant #1041 Page 42**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Alberta Bair Theater (ABT), C&A Grant #1041 Page 42.

Proponents:

Bill Fishser, Executive Director for the (ABT) in Billings, said this grant is for operational support. The ABT is the largest fully-equipped performing arts facility between Denver and Seattle, and serves a local population of 129,132 and a regional population of nearly 400,000. He provided informational history on the ABT, and distributed a brochure of the workshops and performing arts display. He urged the Committee to support this project.

EXHIBIT(jlh23a10)

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1041.

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**Emerson Cultural Center,
C&A Grant #1054 Page 55**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing on the Emerson Cultural Center, C&A Grant #1054 Page 55.

Proponents:

Jeane Alm, Executive Director of the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture in Bozeman, said that this grant will provide funds for a Development Director. She distributed written testimony, which she read, and also three other letters giving testimony in support of this project. She urged the Committee to support them, and grant them these funds.

EXHIBIT (j1h23a11)

John Ludin, Director of Montana Theater Works, said this group is a Bozeman based nonprofit community theater group, which performs at the Emerson Center. He gave an overview of the group, what they do, and also how they help support the Center.

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Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

CHAIRMAN KASTEN closed the hearing on Grant #1054.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN adjourned the Committee hearing.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 11.3 - 14}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

CJ JOHNSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (j1h23aad)